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PLEASE PASS TO SENATORS JOHN J. SPARKMAN, EDWARD M.
KENNEDY, GEORGE MCGOVERN AND FRANK CHURCH AND
CONGRESSMEN DONALD M. FRASER, DANTE FASCELL AND CLEMENT
J. ZABLOCKI

FROM AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SHUM
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION ON CAMBODIAN HUMAN
RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

1. ON APRIL 7 THE CANADIAN HOUSE OF COMMONS UNANIMOUSLY
PASSED A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING, IN THE STRONGEST TERMS,
THE GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA FOR ATROCITIES COMMITTED SINCE
THE KHMER ROUGE TOOK POWER THREE YEARS AGO. SINCE 1975
ALMOST A THIRD OF THE POPULATION REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN
ASSASSINATED AND CITIZENS OF THE MAIN CITIES INCLUDING
PHNOM PHEN HAVE BEEN EVACUATED.

2. PRESIDENT CARTER LAUDED THE CANADIAN HOUSE OF COMMONS
FOR ITS RESOLUTION AND ENCOURAGED PARLIAMENTS OF THE
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WORLD TO FOLLOW SUIT.

3. I KNOW WE ALL SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION.
IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IN MARSHALING THE CASE FOR
CONSIDERATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION IF OUR CONGRESS WOULD ADOPT A SIMILAR
RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA, CITING

THE GENOCIDAL RESULTS OF THE KHMER ROUGE PURGE.

4. I SHOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACCOMPANIED BY ANY EVIDENCE THE CONGRESS MAY HAVE ON THIS ISSUE, ESPECIALLY RELEVANT TESTIMONY BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS NOW COMPILING A DOSSIER FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS SUB COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (JULY 15) FOR THEIR EXAMINATION AND ACTION ON THE TRAGIC SITUATION IN CAMBODIA.

5. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER.
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